Infrastructure development in Bangalore

773. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has sought financial assistance to develop infrastructure in Bangalore;

(b) if so, the amount of financial assistance sought; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to develop Bangalore to international standards?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Urban Development is a State subject. However, Bangalore is granted central assistance for development of infrastructure under Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Infrastructure Development in Mega Cities launched in 1993-94. Ever since 1993-94 and till 2004-05, Rs. 228.84 crore central assistance have been provided to Bangalore Mega City for development of infrastructure.

There is also a proposal to set up National Urban Renewal Mission (NURM) for select cities, including Bangalore, to provide reform linked central assistance for development of infrastructure. On-going Centrally Sponsored Schemes for Infrastructure Development in Mega Cities is proposed to be subsumed in the proposed NURM.

Conversion of residential property for commercial purpose

†774. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that residential houses are being converted into commercial in Delhi;

(b) whether despite orders of the Supreme Court 5-6 storeyed houses are being constructed with the nexus of MCD officers;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.